At Peace Group's Headquarters

Tenants Find Spies Upstairs

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National leaders of Women Strike for Peace said yesterday they never knew how close they were to all that CIA money.

They never saw any of it, they said, but they did see a couple of the people who worked upstairs for the Intercontinental Research Co., Inc., where the money apparently was.

It came to light this week that the firm is CIA-controlled and a "covery for its handful of staff members who travel in Latin America on CIA missions. It's on the top floor of a four-story building at 2016 P st. nw., right over the Women Strike for Peace headquarters, which is not supported by the CIA.

"It's too bad, too," a woman striker for peace said. "We could use some disarmament money."

Whatever the CIA front did, it apparently didn't do much of it around 20th and P streets nw. A clerk in the High's Dairy store on the first floor said he never sold any milk to any spies, and the Litho-Type Co., on the second floor, said it hadn't been approached by any spies. And a Chinese restaurant, just down the street, said spies apparently didn't like Chinese food.

The women strikers for peace said they'd seen a research firm secretary and "one large man" a few times, but that was all. Now the women figure their office probably has been bugged.

"We haven't had any contact with them," said Lynda Stein, the national secretary of Women Strike for Peace, "but we don't know how much contact they've had with us. I'm going to invite the secretary down for coffee, if I can find her."

No one from the CIA or the research firm has ever approached her with money, Miss Stein said, and she doesn't want it anyway.

"But if the Government wanted to give us some money," she added, "we'd welcome it. It'd be nice to have some Government money to fight for peace."

Miss Stein and her co-workers are pleased to find out what was going on upstairs. They had always wondered, and the news has brought a sense of drama, danger and intrigue and a scent of money to the otherwise drab building.

"We figure the CIA has been bugging us, so we'll bug them," said Miss Stein. She plans a newspaper advertisement, and it goes like this: "CIA Overhead. Wanted: Generous landlord with bugless office space for reputable women's organization."

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MIXED MISSIONS—This building at 2016 P st. nw. houses (A) a CIA-controlled "cover" organization, the International Research Co., Inc., used for Latin American CIA missions and (B) the headquarters for Women Strike for Peace. A spokesman for the women said they could use the CIA money for disarmament plans.

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A good woman inspires a man, a brilliant woman interests him, a beautiful woman fascinates him—but a sympathetic woman gets him.

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